









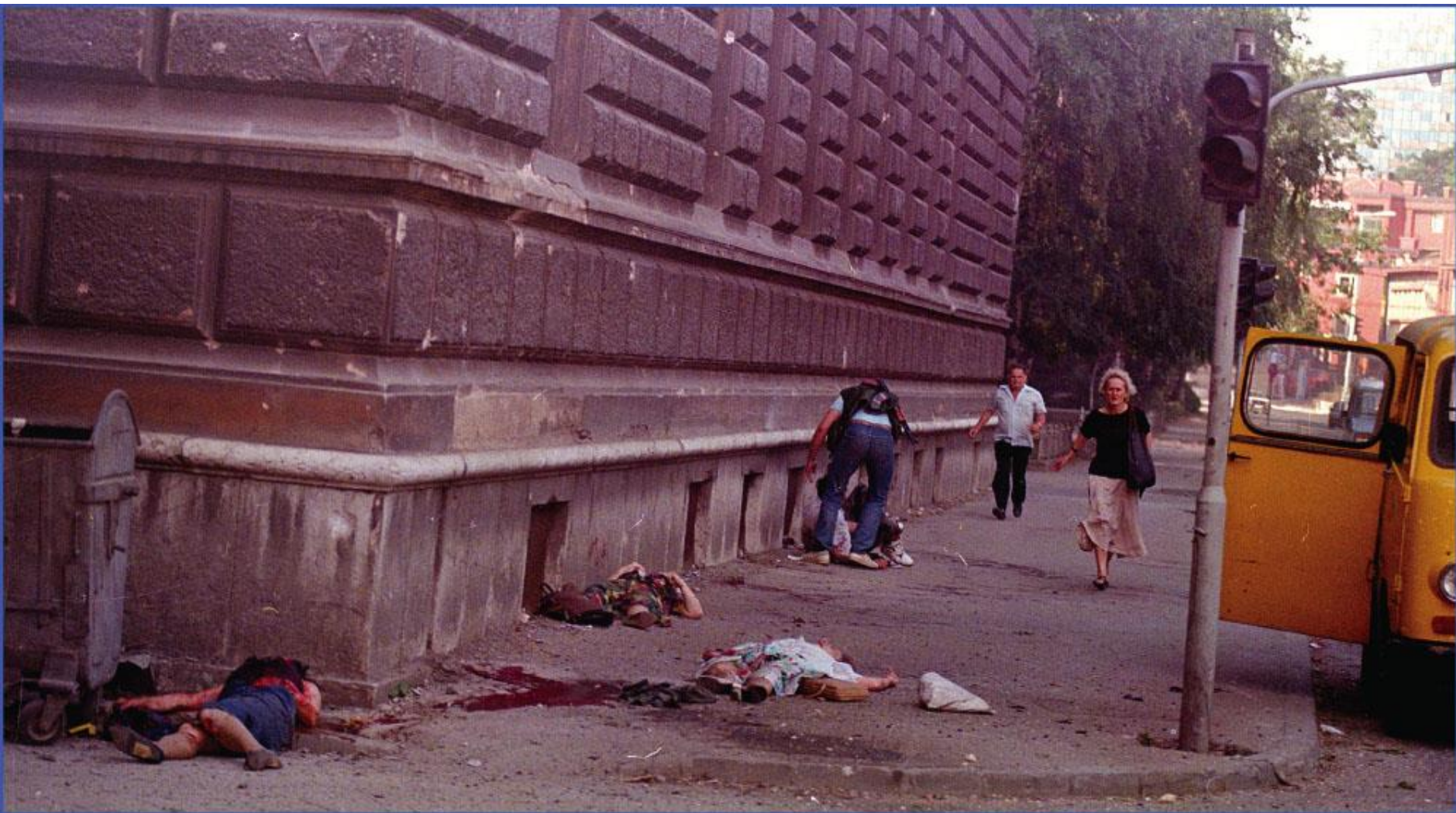






CHRONOLOGY The Fall of the Soviet Bloc

	1989
Collapse of Communist government in Czechoslovakia	December
Collapse of East German government	December
Execution of Ceaușescu in Romania	December 25
	1990
Lithuania declares independence	March 11
East German elections—victory of Christian Democrats	March 18
Reunification of Germany	October 3
Walesa becomes president of Poland	December
	1991
Yeltsin becomes president of Russia	June
Slovenia and Croatia declare independence	June
Right-wing coup in the Soviet Union	August 19
Dissolution of the Soviet Union	December







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CHRONOLOGY Western Europe Since 1985

First all-German federal election	1990
Victory of Conservative Party under John Major in Britain	1992
Conservative victory in France	1993
Creation of European Union	1994
Jacques Chirac becomes president of France	1995
Election of Tony Blair in Britain	1997
Gerhard Schroeder becomes chancellor of Germany	1998
Reelection of Chirac	2002
Angela Merkel becomes chancellor of Germany	2005
Romano Prodi becomes prime minister of Italy	2006
Election of Nicolas Sarkozy in France	2007

